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In re the Application of: **Atsushi KIKUGAWA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1742

Serial No.: 09/924,476

Examiner: **Andrew L. Oltmans**

Filed: **August 9, 2001**

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FOR: **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET HAVING
CORROSION-RESISTANT FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED September 12, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 8, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated **September 12, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 7-13 have been canceled.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-6; and Group (II), Claims 7-13.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-6 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.